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SUBJ: DETAINED STATE WITNESS FLEES S.A. FOR LESOTHO

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1. NATAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THE ESCAPE AND FLIGHT OF SAM MUTLE RAHUBE, FORMERLY DETAINED AS A STATE WITNESS IN PIETERMARITZBURG PAC TRIAL (REFTEL), FROM S.A. TO LESOTHO IN EARLY JANUARY. RAHUBE, WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED FEBRUARY 22, 1977 UPON RELEASE FROM TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON ROBBEN ISLAND, REPORTEDLY ESCAPED FROM PRISON DURING A POLICE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE PRISON. HE THEN EVADED A POLICE MAN-HUNT FOR EIGHT DAYS BEFORE CROSSING LESOTHO BORDER. RAHUBE SUBSEQUENTLY APPLIED TO LESOTHO AUTHORITIES FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM AND HIS APPLICATION IS REPORTEDLY BEING CONSIDERED BY GOL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

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2. PRESS GAVE FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR ESCAPE: DURING A POLICE OFFICERS PARTY RAHUBE "STOLE A HAT" AND SNEAKED OUT OF MAIN DOOR WHEN A SENIOR OFFICER LEFT. UPON DISCOVERING HIS DISAPPEARANCE POLICE BEGAN MANHUNT WITH DOGS, BUT A RAINSTORM HELPED RAHUBE ESCAPE. RAHUBE STATED HE CROSSED TO LESOTHO BY SWIMMING THE CALEDON RIVER FROM THE QWAQWA HOMELAND NEAR

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